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New Brockton Town Council recognizes hometown softball players

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Despite making a special presentation, the New Brockton Town Council conducted a rather routine meeting Monday evening, Aug. 4.

The highlight of the meeting was a presentation to five young ladies from New Brockton as the mayor and council recognized them for their sporting abilities.

Vanessa Stuckey, Kurstie Stanton, Chelsea Smith, Rebecca Baer and Rebecca McKenzie were each presented certificates from the mayor for their participation with their all-star softball team from Enterprise.

Due to lack of local participation in this age group, the young ladies had to travel to Enterprise in order to play softball this year, and the Enterprise team managed to have a remarkable season.

New Brockton officials request proper house numbering

Charles Cole made an announcement, Monday evening Aug. 4, during the monthly council meeting concerning E-911 House Numbering within the town limits.

Cole said residents will receive with their August water bill a request to correctly number their houses according to the E-911 notification. The announcement indicates the following:

"These numbers must be 2 1/2" in height, be of durable weather-resistant and highly visible material. They are to be displayed so as to be clearly visible from the street from either direction. They may be placed: • On or above or beside the front door; • On a freestanding marker located in the front yard, provided it is within 10 feet of the back of the curb; • On a curb-type mailbox, provided it is located in the front yard; • If a building is 60 feet or more from the street, a freestanding marker will be displayed."

After 60 days, police officers will be asked to make a visual inspection of the houses to see that they have been numbered. If they have not, the owners will be notified and given a second chance to comply. Non-compliance after that time will carry a penalty of up to \$300.

NOTICE

Through this accomplishment, the town council chose to recognize the five girls from New Brockton for their part in the team's overall success with refreshments.

The council is going to look at implementing an ordinance for dangerous buildings in which the mayor said the council will ask citizens to help clean up the buildings.

Council member Ron McMonagle said this ordinance will deal with damaged or rotted buildings, and will make it mandatory for damaged buildings to be repaired or torn down. He said buildings in question will be inspected by an appointed officer. Property owners of the damaged building(s) will be given a certain time frame to repair the problems.

McMonagle said this effort is simply another step on the town's behalf to help provide safety for the children of New Brockton by removing possible hazards.

To this, Mayor Cole said he already had one property owner

agree to allow the fire department to burn his building as part of a training session. He said the owner will clean the area after the building is burned.

Cole said the council along with the town's attorney will take a closer look at this ordinance during the next working session and should be ready to take action at the next regular council meeting.

The planning of fund raising efforts for New Brockton will move forward one step Thursday evening, Aug. 7, as the fundraiser committee has a meeting planned at the New Brockton Senior Citizens building beginning at 7 p.m.

McMonagle said this effort is continuing in order to raise the money necessary to move forward with the grants and improvements approved for the Town of New Brockton. He said fundraising events already held and those now being planned all contribute to improving the town.

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New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole gladly accepted the responsibility of recognizing a group of young ladies Monday evening, Aug. 4, during the town's council meeting. He, along with council member Jody Stuckey, presented certificates to five local softball players in recognition of their efforts with an Enterprise All-Star Softball team. Present for the presentation were team members Vanessa Stuckey and Kurstie Stanton. The other three New Brockton players also recognized by the mayor and town council for their sporting abilities were Chelsea Smith, Rebecca Baer and Rebecca McKenzie.

Motivational program begins 2003-04 school year for faculty of Elba City School System

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba City School educators received a little extra motivation Friday morning, Aug. 1, as Dr. Mamie McCullough presented a program of encouraging words at the Elba High School auditorium.

The faculty and staff of the school system had returned to the classroom a few days ahead of the students to take care of final preparations for the beginning of the school year 2003-04, and the administration provided them with this uplifting program in an attempt to get things started on an upbeat note.

D. McCullough, a resident of Dallas, Texas, is known as one of the country's most popular motivational speakers as she speaks and conducts seminars for businesses, schools and school system staff as everyone prepared for the beginning of the new school year.

Dr. Mamie McCullough delivered a motivational program filled with inspiration and humor Friday morning, Aug. 1, to the faculty and staff of the Elba City School System. This was part of an in-service program for the beginning of the new school year.

Raised in poverty with eight brothers and sisters in Dixie, Ga., she is living proof that "it's not where you start that matters, it's where you finish," and "it's not what happens to you - it's what you do with what happens to you that counts."

The program Dr. McCullough presented Friday morning from the Elba High School auditorium followed suit with her work as an encouraging and insightful message to "Inspire and equip others to handle life's most difficult problems with her personal formula for success and happiness."

In addition, there have been four new human cases of West Nile virus infection in the state since the first human case in Geneva County last week. Three of the four individuals are recovering, and the fourth, a man in his eighties, is currently hospitalized. This brings the total reported human cases of West Nile virus infection in Alabama to six.

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McCormick was treated for his injuries at Elba General Hospital and released.

Elba BOE holds special meeting to approve personnel changes

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board met in special session on Wednesday, July 30th. The purpose of the special meeting was a number of proposed personnel changes, both new hires and reassignments for the upcoming school year.

In the high school, Harold Rogers was hired as assistant principal. He comes to Elba from the Enterprise school system. Rogers has over 25 years in public education and will be an asset to the Elba schools, according to Superintendent Danny Weeks. He is certified in special education and will also work with the program which trains students in certain jobs and which ultimately awards "Occupational Diplomas".

Brenda Boutwell was hired as office aide for the high school. She substituted in that area last year.

In the elementary school, Shery Butler will be working part time as gifted teacher. Jane Moseley will be teaching first grade, Janina (Westbrook) Curtis will serve as fifth grade teacher and Delisa (Blair) as office aide.

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Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will host a Prayer Walk for ALL the Schools in Coffee County on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 9-10 a.m. Prayerwalking is explained as walking around the schools while praying, and those interested in participating are encouraged to do so at their school of choice. All denominations are invited as concerned citizens seek protection through prayer for Coffee County's children, teachers and school administrators.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting Monday, Aug. 11, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Aug. 14, at the Coffee County Farm Center. For more information, please call Elizabeth Whisler at (334) 894-2077 or Charles Lester at (334) 306-2764.

THE ELBA HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS CLUB will hold an organizational meeting Monday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m., in the high school lounge room.

NEW CITATIONS STUDY CLUB will sponsor Elba's competition on Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Elba Recreational Center. All are welcome. More info, see page 10. According to the Elba Recreation Dept., which handles the operation of the Elba Recreational Center, red clay is not used by the department. Besides this clay incident, recreation officials also noted that one of the oldest markers within the cemetery was recently stolen. Vandalism is a crime which carries a huge penalty. Citizens are encouraged to help officials and law enforcement prevent vandalism crimes by reporting any suspicious activity.

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In addition to the human cases, West Nile virus has so far been detected in captured mosquitoes.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox**Legislative Session brings changes to Alabama's Abandoned Vehicle Law**

Those "bargain" credit card offers keep coming. Most folks get them in the mail, over the telephone and if they have an e-mail address, they come that way also. Of course if there was not a hefty profit to be made, this wouldn't be happening. The senders of these offers are banking on the fact most folks carry big, ongoing balances on their credit cards. Note how this plays out for the user and the issuer of the card. If you have a balance of \$1,800 with an interest rate of 18 percent and only pay the minimum due each month, it will take 22 years to pay the balance. You will pay an additional \$3,800 in interest alone. So your \$1,800 purchase really costs \$5,600. This assumes that not a penny of additional debt is added on the card during those 22 years and all payments are made on time, without a late penalty. It is hard to understand how honest working folks can afford such interest payments and still live normal, decent lives.

The pressure is off our shoulders somewhat on the up-coming tax package vote. At Gulf Shores a couple of weeks ago the governor announced that the success or failure of this vote rested squarely on the shoulders of the newspaper folks in that room. We were sitting close by at the time and it appeared Bob Riley was looking right into our eyes as he made that pronouncement! Now he reportedly said about the same thing to a group of school administrators and again to a meeting of black ministers. Even though Governor Riley still would like to place the burden on us newspaper folks, he has graciously offered up at least two much needed groups to share the load with us.

We are still wrestling with this issue. It is our nature to want to be FOR something, rather than AGAINST everything. However, it is awful hard to be committed to voting yes on this package of changes and tax increases. Many of the proposals in the bills are badly needed. Others are necessary evils. Yet we have reservations on the package as a whole. Well thought out and needed taxes don't scare us, in fact we editorially supported an amendment increasing the maximum income tax during the term of former Governor Albert Brewer. That amendment failed miserably when put before the voters of Alabama, in spite of our editorial endorsement. However, we have a fear that the many increases in the pending proposal will add up to major cost of living increases for many of the people who are being promised tax cuts - the elderly, low income wage earners, small land owners, etc. The tax increases on business will surely be immediately passed on to the consumer, regardless of that consumer's income level. That includes of course the new service tax, higher income taxes, higher business property tax and other increases caused by elimination of certain deductions (or loopholes as some people refer to them).

We hesitate to add what so many in opposition to the package are saying... and that is "we don't trust the politicians in Montgomery to properly handle this additional money". Our answer to that is to suggest replacing the unreliable politician in Montgomery! But until some replacements are made, entirely too many lawmakers might be tempted to view the new taxes as their own personal re-election fund.

Upcoming Benefit:

A benefit for Levy Raga, daughter of Amy and Richard Raga, will be held Saturday, Aug. 9, at the American Legion on the Troy Hwy. in Elba. Levy is a two-year-old cancer patient. The benefit will be from 4 p.m. until and fish and BBQ plates will be sold for a \$5 donation. There will be an auction and live entertainment featuring many groups to include: Bureaucracy, Montgomery; Amy and Ray Bundy, Florala; The Gospelites, Andalusia; Robert Williamson, Florala; Ron Taylor, Red Level; Dixieland Cloggers and many more. Any items donated for the auction will be greatly appreciated.

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Elba Chamber of Commerce (334) 897-3125
Kaye Whitworth, executive director

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, dispatched on Monday, July 28, 2003, investigated the following incidents, one possession of marijuana, one possession of drug paraphernalia, two for theft of property, one criminal mischief, two for menacing, one harassment, one disorderly conduct, one resisting arrest, one harassing communications, one burglary and one attempt to commit a controlled substance crime.

The following arrests were made: one for possession of marijuana, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for disorderly conduct and one for resisting arrest.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for not wearing a seat belt, one for driving with a revoked driver's license, one for running a stop sign, one for speeding and one for speeding.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JULY 28 River stage - 8.46 feet (6:00 a.m.).

Two-vehicle wreck reported at the intersection of Whitman and N. Claxton Ave. (5:32 p.m.). Disturbance (loud music) reported at 716 Putnam St. (11:03 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 29 River stage - 6.27 feet (6:04 a.m.).

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 River stage - 8.67 feet (6:00 a.m.). Alarm activated at 1578 Caroline St. (1:59 p.m.). Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (2:56 p.m.). Loud music reported on Champ McColloch Dr. (9:15 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 Prowler reported at 610 Mullins Circle (2:07 a.m.). Report of shots fired at Mulberry (4:09 a.m.). River stage - 8.91 feet (6:20 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 433 Hwy. 141 (6:50 a.m.). Disturbance reported at 703 Buford St. (11:30 p.m.).

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AUGUST 5 First Day of School for Elba City Schools; Elba Rotary Club meeting

AUGUST 6 Azalea Garden Club meeting

AUGUST 8 Coffee County Farm City Week's first committee meeting

AUGUST 11 Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for Elba's Subway at 11 a.m.; Elba City Council meeting

AUGUST 12 Elba Rotary Club meeting

AUGUST 18 Fall Semester begins at Troy State

AUGUST 19 Elba Rotary Club meeting; New Seasons Study Club meeting to be held at NEW Elba Chamber of Commerce office

AUGUST 21 Elba Chamber of Commerce Board meeting; Ribbon Cutting for William P. Dean, CPA, at 1 p.m.; Elba's Foggy Bottom Classic

AUGUST 23 "Celebrate Elba 150" presents George Jones in concert at Miller Oct. 1 - Azalea Garden

AUGUST 25 Senior Citizen Center

AUGUST 26 Elba City School Board

AUGUST 27 Elba City Council 2nd & 4th Monday

AUGUST 28 WATER & ELECTRIC Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall

AUGUST 29 ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Fellowship Hall

AUGUST 30 CRIME STOPPERS GROUP every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church on site on W. Main Street

AUGUST 31 MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 1 BAND FESTIVALS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

SEPTEMBER 2 VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon. Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30-1:30 p.m. New Office @ Farm Center Complex 1000 Broad Street

SEPTEMBER 3 LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

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SEPTEMBER 12 NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Rev. Wilson to speak at Mt. Vernon Homecoming services

Mt. Vernon Assembly of God will celebrate Homecoming services August 10, 2003. Bro. Wilson of Montgomery will be the guest speaker. A covered dish lunch will be served after the morning service. Psalms Four of Enterprise will sing in the afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend. Mt. Vernon is located on County Rd 330.

Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church outreach ministry to present "Pastors in Praise" Concert

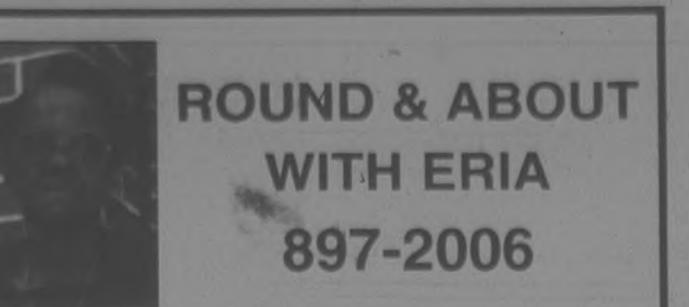
Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church Outreach Ministry presents "Pastors in Praise" Concert featuring Reverend Ronald Haynes, Pastor of St. John A.M.E. Church, Reverend Eddie Lewis Engram, pastor of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend T.W. Parker, St. Pastor of Johns Chapel

God's Glory Gospel Jubilee to be held in Andalusia on August 9

God's Glory Gospel Jubilee will be held on Saturday, August 9th at the Kiwanis Building in Andalusia. This Christian festival will combine gospel music with arts and crafts, antiques and collectibles for a day of fun for all. Gates will open at 10 a.m. and the gospel singing will begin at 11 a.m. and go until Concessions will be available. Charge is \$5.00 per person. Children 12 & under get in free. All proceeds benefit the Green Tree Christian Fellowship Youth Program. For more info, call 222-7348 or 222-9072.

NOTICE

As of 7/7/03 Lena Farris will no longer be responsible for Bethlehem Cemetery Fund.



Scripture: Revelations 1:1-20

A.M.E. Church on Sunday, August 10, 2003 5:00 p.m. Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church 841 Geneva Highway, Enterprise, Alabama.

Everyone is invited to attend!

For more information contact Betty Simmons, 347-9288

Felicia Britt, 347-7591 or Allie Barnes, Kary Nell Horstead,

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Information: David Deal at 334-406-1617.

Haven to be in concert at Klondyke Gospel Music Center

Haven, from Birmingham, Ala. will make their Wiregrass Area debut in concert, Saturday, August 9, 7:00 p.m. at the Klondyke Gospel Music Center.

Benefit to be held for Lexy Rugg Saturday, August 9

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Back to School "Youth Explosion 2003 planned at Johns A.M.E. Church

Jack Assembly of God will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, August 17th. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. followed by morning worship at 10:45 a.m. with Bro. Alvin Loper delivering the morning message. A covered dish lunch

will be served following the service with singing by The Lighthouse Gospel Singers from Baples, Ala. in the afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend. Jack Assembly of God is located on County Rd. 208 in the Jack community.

Jack Assembly of God will be held Saturday, August 9, 2003 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish and a beverage. Bring family history information and pictures.

Damascus School Reunion set for Saturday, August 9th

The annual Damascus School Reunion will be held August 9, 2003 beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the site of the old school building on County Rd 514 and corner of State Road 87. This is the site of the Damascus Senior Citizens Building. Bring a covered dish with serving utensil and a beverage. Ice, plates, and cups will be available. Bring articles for door prizes, auctions, and pictures to share with the group.

Boomers 40's - 70's Song & Dance

Jan 9, 2004 • 7:30 PM Enterprise HS Auditorium

Dixieland, Swing & Broadway

Feb 20, 2004 • 7:30 PM Enterprise HS Auditorium

Piney Woods Arts Festival Arts, Crafts, Fun, & Food

Apr 17 & 18, 2004 Enterprise-Ozark Comm College

For information, call 347-7591

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE IS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Tim Gannells, Minister 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Dr. John T. Morris, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Eddie Phillips-Cope, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Seen, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST Rev. Marcus Baxter Sunday School 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays Sunday School 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. Hill, Minister Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. John L. Baster, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

GOD IS LOVE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. John L. Baster, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Rev. Greg Hankey, Minister Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

MARSHALL FOUNDATION CHURCH Rev. Mary Seavey Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TOWN

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town and its appearance.

"This is a community-wide effort and we appreciate it so much," McMonagle said.

Upon the request of Mayor Cole, the council approved borrowing \$10,000 for three months to help with finances. The mayor said he feels this will get the town through September barring any unforeseen costs since the cable franchise money will start coming in October.

Council member Vicki Harrison made a motion with a second from council member Johnnie Heron to borrow \$10,000 to get through September since the franchise money will be coming in October. This motion passed with all voting in favor except

WNV

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quitoes in Marshall and Lee counties; in two horses, one each in Baldwin and Mobile counties; and in 29 birds distributed among Baldwin, Blount, Clay, Covington, Dallas, DeKalb, Jefferson, Macon, Marshall, Mobile, Shelby, Talladega, Walker and Winston counties.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus has been detected in mosquitoes in Jackson County; in an emu in Butler County; in sentinel chickens in Baldwin County; and in eight horses distributed among Baldwin, Chilton, Clarke, Covington, Dale and Mobile counties.

In 2002 Alabama experienced 49 human cases of West Nile virus infection, three of which were fatal. The last time a human case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis occurred was in 1996, in a man that died.

Both viruses in humans cause a spectrum of illness ranging from infection without any symptoms to encephalitis involving fever, headache, and possibly confusion, disorientation, stupor, tremors, convulsions, paralysis, coma and death. Eastern Equine Encephalitis in humans can have a mortality rate as high as 30 percent, considerably higher than that seen with West Nile encephalitis.

The Alabama Department of Public Health will continue its efforts to inform the public about the importance of personal protection measures individuals can take to reduce their risks of being bitten by infected mosquitoes.

To lower the risk of being bitten by mosquitoes, persons should remember the 5 D's of Prevention: Dusk, Dawn, Dress, DEET and Drain. Avoid being outside during dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active. Drive to cover your skin

Elba's George Jones concert set for Saturday, August 23

The City of Elba, the Elba Chamber of Commerce and the Sesquicentennial Committee will celebrate Elba's 150th Anniversary in a big way on Saturday, Aug. 23, as legendary country music artist George Jones will be performing at Miller Memorial Stadium in downtown Elba.

Gates will open at 5 p.m. The opening act, featuring Elba's own Rob Hudson, will perform at 6:30 p.m., and Jones will take center stage at 8 p.m.

Tickets remain on sale and can be purchased for reserved seats on the field, reserved seats in the stands or general admission.

All price levels will increase by \$3 on the day of the concert.

All tickets can be purchased at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office. Mail-ins are also accepted - these orders should include number of tickets, section, payment and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Last Chance this Year!

English Photography will be running a special Beach Photo Promotion during Labor Day weekend. Schedule an appointment for yourself, your children, or your whole family for what is sure to be the most unique portrait experience of your life. Appointments are limited, so call today! (And be sure to tell your friends!)

English Photography
(334) 897-8777 or 897-6233

Kelley Foods of Alabama holds company picnic

council member McMonagle.

"Voted to change its regular meeting for September to Monday, Sept. 8, since the town offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, in observance of the Labor Day holiday."

"Voted to accept bids for the sale of a 1994 Chevrolet Caprice formerly used as a police car by the town. The bids will be opened at the next council meeting."

Approved purchasing a full page ad in the New Brockton High School football program for \$100. This cost will be split between the Town of New Brockton and the New Brockton Water Board.

It was a great chance for everyone to mingle, get to know a little more about each other, and to generally have a great time together away from work. Check out these pictures!

SPORTS

Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We took Melanie shopping for school clothes over the weekend and found out that waiting until the weekend before school starts to do your shopping is even worse than waiting until the day before Christmas to do your holiday shopping. All the stores were packed with other last-minute shoppers like us, and finding a place to park was even worse. I know you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but you can believe that next year this old dog will get at least some of the shopping done weeks in advance.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** Elba High School held its annual "Picture Day" last Friday afternoon and when I found out the pictures would be made at 3:00 PM the first thing that popped into my mind was all the afternoon thunderstorms that had drenched South Alabama for the past couple of weeks. Sure enough, about thirty-minutes before time to head out to the field a storm hit and for the first time in years the pictures had to be made in the gym. The coaches and cheerleader sponsors did a great job reorganizing the picture-taking after moving inside and we were all finished in just over an hour; but you know the coaches had to make the pictures inside. If you believe in omens, that had to be one!

*** All I had heard all summer was how small and under-manned the Elba Tigers was this season, but after making pictures of the team last week I would have to say that the Tigers look pretty good. I mean, they got a good amount of depth in their main positions, but at other positions the Tigers really look solid and after one afternoon with the team I am confident that the 2003 Elba Tigers may just surprise some folks. I will share more with you next week after the team goes out in pads for a few days and holds a short scrimmage late in the week. Hopefully this time next week I will be even more optimistic.

*** The schedules for all the area football teams are in the paper this week and while Elba is facing the same killer schedule it did last season, the other teams appear to have schedules with which they can post at least their share of wins. Included on Elba's schedule are the teams ranked #1 (T.R. Miller) and #2 (Pike County) in the 3A pre-season poll, while Brantley (#12), A.W.S. Neal (#19 in 3A), Luverne (#9 in 2A), and Straughn (#13 in 3A) are also ranked. There is no doubt the Tigers will have to buckle their chin straps tight each and every week this season if they want to simply survive. New Brockton's schedule includes three of the top twenty-five teams in the 2A ranks in #4 Slocumb, #5 Houston Academy and #2 Red Level, but the Gamecocks will also face three other teams that combined to post a 1-29 record last season in Zion Chapel (0-10), Florala (9th in 2A), and Geneva County (0-10). Brantley was the class of the local 1A region last year and should be again, since Cottonwood was the only other team in the region that even posted a winning record. Included among the other teams are Kinston and Zion Chapel, which should give both county teams hopes for at least their share of wins.

*** I have heard a lot of nicknames for both coaches and players over the years, but this year when people call Daleville's new girls basketball coach the "mayor" they will be telling the truth since the new coach will be New Brockton's Mayor Charles Cole. Coach Cole moved into the mayor's chair after serving on the City Council for sixteen years over in New Brockton, but last week came out of retirement to take over the coaching duties at Daleville. He will be a volunteer coach with the Warriors and will be found in the City Hall during the mornings, but once basketball season comes you can bet there will be a VCR hooked up in his office along with basketball charts as he prepares to head over to practice. I think it is great that Coach Cole is headed back into coaching. However, despite being retired he helped his wife Barbara coach the girls team at New Brockton for the past ten years, and now that she has retired from coaching he is headed back. Hey folks, do y'all have a TV at the house?

*** In closing...the college football season is just around the corner and it is interesting to hear everyone brag about how good Auburn is to be, except the Auburn fans. Many of the fans still have doubts about Coach Tommy Tuberville's abilities to lead a team to a SEC title, much less a national title, and just take a deep breath whenever the Tigers are mentioned as a national power. I guess we will all find out pretty soon, since Southern Cal is coming to town in just a matter of weeks.

ELBA CITY POOL OPEN

WEEKENDS THROUGH AUGUST 31
SATURDAY 12:00 - 6:00
SUNDAY 1:00 - 5:00

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Installation • Repairs • Upgrades
Call Toll Free 888-569-0600 ask for Phil
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Sprinkler System using Our Modern Techniques
Local Company with 40 Years experience
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FALL REGISTRATION

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Lurleen B. Wallace Community College

REGISTRATION
Thursday, August 14, 2003
Andalusia 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Greenville 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
MacArthur 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Classes Begin
August 18, 2003

Late Registration & Drop/Add
August 15-20, 2003

2002-2003 Ambassadors Andalusia/Greenville Campus

Andalusia 222-6591 (ext. 2271) • Greenville 382-2133 (ext. 3101) • MacArthur 493-3573 (ext. 233)

Sites of games are only changes

Schedules remain the same as 2003 high school football season nears

The beginning of the 2003 high school football season is only four Fridays away and the fan begins to mark their calendars for the next three months, the teams on the schedules will be the same as last season, with only the sites of the games to change.

The Alabama High School Athletic Association places teams in regions for a two-year period, and since this will be the second year of that time period, schedules will change only where each week's games will be played.

Following is a preview of this season's high school football schedules for area teams:

ELBA TIGERS

	Brantley (9-3)	Away
Sept. 5	Central * (1-9)	Home
Sept. 12	W.S. Neal * (6-4)	Away
Sept. 19	Pike County * (11-2)	Home
Sept. 26	Luverne (8-4)	Away
Oct. 3	T.R. Miller * (11-3)	Away
Oct. 10	Straughn * (8-3)	Home
Oct. 17	Calhoun * (1-9)	Away
Oct. 24	Clarke Co. * (5-5)	Home
Oct. 31	Geneva Co. * (10-10)	Home

* Denotes region games

NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS

	Zion Chapel (0-10)	Home
Sept. 5	Red Level * (7-4)	Home
Sept. 12	Samson * (5-5)	Away
Sept. 19	Houston Co. * (11-2)	Away
Sept. 26	Florala (9-1)	Away
Oct. 3	Geneva Co. * (0-10)	Home
Oct. 10	Slocumb * (12-2)	Home
Oct. 17	G.W. Long * (4-6)	Away
Oct. 24	Wicksburg * (4-6)	Home
Oct. 31	Kinston (9-1)	Away

* Denotes region games

KINSTON BULLDOGS

	Open Date	Away
Aug. 29	Houston Co. * (4-6)	Home
Sept. 5	Arlon * (5-6)	Home
Sept. 12	Florala * (1-9)	Home
Sept. 19	Samson (5-5)	Away
Sept. 26	Zion Chapel * (0-10)	Home
Oct. 3	Brantley * (9-3)	Away
Oct. 10	Cottonwood * (6-7)	Away
Oct. 17	Pleasant Home * (5-5)	Home
Oct. 24	New Brockton (7-4)	Home
Oct. 31	New Brockton (7-4)	Home

* Denotes region games

ZION CHAPEL REBELS

	New Brockton (7-4)	Away
Aug. 29	Pleasant Home * (5-5)	Home
Sept. 5	Houston Co. * (4-6)	Home
Sept. 12	Arlon * (5-6)	Away
Sept. 19	G.W. Long (4-6)	Away
Sept. 26	Kinston * (4-5)	Away
Oct. 3	Florala * (1-9)	Home
Oct. 10	Brantley * (9-3)	Home
Oct. 17	Cottonwood * (6-7)	Away
Oct. 24	McKenzie (12-1)	Home
Oct. 31	McKenzie (12-1)	Home

* Denotes region games

BRANTLEY BULLDOGS

	Elba (5-5)	Home
Aug. 29	Cottonwood * (6-7)	Home
Sept. 5	Pleasant Home * (5-5)	Away
Sept. 12	Houston Co. * (4-6)	Away
Sept. 19	Arlon * (5-6)	Away
Sept. 26	G.W. Long (4-6)	Away
Oct. 3	Kinston * (4-5)	Away
Oct. 10	Florala * (1-9)	Home
Oct. 17	Zion Chapel * (0-10)	Away
Oct. 24	Florala * (1-9)	Home
Oct. 31	Luverne (8-4)	Away

* Denotes region games

ZION CHAPEL REBELS

	The Zion Chapel Rebels	Away
Aug. 29	Elba (5-5)	Home
Sept. 5	Cottonwood * (6-7)	Home
Sept. 12	Pleasant Home * (5-5)	Away
Sept. 19	Houston Co. * (4-6)	Away
Sept. 26	Highland Home (10-2)	Home
Oct. 3	Arlon * (5-6)	Home
Oct. 10	Kinston * (4-5)	Home
Oct. 17	Zion Chapel * (0-10)	Away
Oct. 24	Florala * (1-9)	Home
Oct. 31	Luverne (8-4)	Away

that rolled up a big 55-0 score on the Rebels last season, while in week #3 Zion Chapel will remain at home for a Sept. 12 region battle against the Houston Co. Lions. The Rebels only lost to the Lions 20-12 last season, and Zion Chapel fans will be looking for a possible win in this match-up. It will be back on the road in week #4 as the Rebels head over to Arlon for a key region encounter on Sept. 19 against a Purple Cat squad that fell to the Gamecocks 24-6 last year, and on Oct. 24 the Gamecocks will close out region action with a home game against the Wicksburg Panthers. The Gamecocks spanked the Panthers 33-0 a year ago, and will be looking for a repeat performance this season in front of the home fans. The Gamecocks will be in the region title race again this year, and should be improved in all areas, the schedule is identical to last season and will provide Zion Chapel with ten straight challenges on the gridiron.

Zion Chapel will open the season on Aug. 29 on the road when the Rebels battle the New Brockton Gamecocks in a cross-region grudge match. The Rebels had a hard 48-0 a year ago to the Gamecocks, but will be looking to get some revenge this time around against their rivals from across Coffee County. The Rebels will be at home in week #2 for a Sept. 5 region contest against the Pleasant Home Eagles, a team

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"Schedules"

The sixth week of the season will find the Rebels back on the road for an Oct. 3 region battle against the Kinston Bulldogs. The Rebels suffered a 40-6 loss to the Bulldogs last season, but will be looking for payback this time around in part of two of the cross-county series. The Rebels will be looking to improve on last year's 47-0 loss to the Ariton Purple Cats, a team that upset Kinston 26-8 last season, while on Sept. 19 the Dogs will host the Flora Wildcats in a region battle against the Zion Chapel Rebels. The Rebels will remain home on Thursday night, Oct. 9 when they host the Flora Wildcats in a region battle. The Wildcats got their only win of the season last season with a 31-6 victory over Zion Chapel. Zion Chapel will remain at home on Oct. 17 when the Rebels host the defending region champion Brantley Bulldogs, and the Rebels will be hoping to improve on last year's 47-0 loss to the powerful Bulldogs from Crenshaw County. Zion Chapel will close out region play on Oct. 24 with a road trip to Cottonwood as the Rebels will be looking to improve on last year's 45-0 in last season's final regular season game.

The Rebels posted an 0-10 mark last season and will face the same opponents this season. However, only two region foes managed to post winning records a year ago, and that could mean better results for Elba for Zion Chapel.

Kinston will be off in week #1 and will get in an extra week of pre-season work-outs, while on Sept. 5 the Bulldogs will jump into the region with a road game against the Zion Chapel Rebels. The Bulldogs are shoddy to post winning records last season, the Kinston Bulldogs should be confident heading into the 2003 season. However, the Bulldogs were one of the five teams in the region that didn't post a winning slate a year ago, and Kinston will then wrap up the regular season on Oct. 31 with a trip to Pleasant Home.

The Brantley Bulldogs made it look easy last season in rolling to the region title, and while the names are the same this time around also, the change in sites for Kinston looks like anything but a challenge for the high school.

While the Bulldogs' region schedule may not be strong, their non-region slate includes three South Alabama football powers. This schedule could be tougher than many think.

The Brantley Bulldogs made it look easy last season

SPORTS

**Let's Go...
Outdoors with Ben**
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

**Enjoy Park Bears
At A Distance**

Mid summer finds many Alabamians visiting state and national parks all across this great country. The Smoky Mountains National Park will get more visitors from our area than other national parks, but some will journey to Yellowstone and other remote parks.

One of the primary reasons for visiting our parks is to observe the abundant wildlife. Park animals have lost at least some of their natural fear of man, making viewing easier. But this loss of fear sometimes creates problems for vacationers.

East of the Mississippi, the black bear is one of the most sought after park animals to observe. The cubs can be especially intriguing as they roll, tumble and take turns chasing each other up a tree. But keep in mind that if you are close to a pair of frolicking cubs you are probably too close to mama bear.

Black bears are normally not aggressive and will flee at the sight or smell of man unless they think their cubs are endangered. Park bears however have learned that they may get a hand out from travelers and will often approach cars looking for goodies. While feeding bears may seem compassionate, the tourist is often dooming the bear by doing so. Some bears will get so dependent on free handouts during the summer, they lose their natural ability to forage for food during winter and may not survive.

Most encounters with bears will occur along a hiking trail or campsite. Proper food storage when camping is your best insurance against bear problems. Suspend food items in a bag or pack between two trees at least 15 feet high and 4 feet from the tree.

If a bear is encountered on a trail, don't approach it. If the bear appears nervous, back away slowly but don't run. Should the bear follow you after backing away, change directions while keeping an eye on the bear. If an attack appears imminent bear experts recommend that you stand your ground with whatever weapon you have or can find. Hollering, throwing rocks, or using a sharpened walking staff can discourage an attack. Stand on your tiptoes and spread your jacket or shirt to appear much larger. Don't lie down and play dead if attacked by a black bear. Experts say this ploy often works with grizzlies but not with black bears.

The newer bear repellent sprays may be the best deterrent. When purchasing a spray, make sure it has an EPA registration number. This will insure that it has at least 1.0% (higher is better) of capsaicin. Older sprays that used oleoresin capsicum are not as effective as capsaicin sprays.

The odds of being attacked by a bear are less than being struck by lightning, but having a can of bear repellent on hand will be comforting. I think I prefer giving a menacing bear a squirt of bear repellent rather than standing on my tiptoes, flapping my jacket and hollering at him.

Brantley Bulldogs just miss Top 10

Area teams make preseason prep football poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its preseason high school football poll for the upcoming 2003 season recently and included among the teams ranked across the state were a number of area teams.

In Class 6A the Enterprise Wildcats were ranked #20, while in Class 5A Eufaula came in ranked #10 and Charles Henderson held down the #19 position. Daleville was ranked eighth in the state in Class 4A, followed by Opp in 19th, Ashford in 20th and Andalusia in 23rd. In Class 3A, T.R. Miller was ranked #1 in the state in the poll, followed by Pike County in second, Straughn in 3rd and W.S. Neal at 19th. The Class 2A poll includes Stocomb ranked fourth, Houston Academy fifth, Luverne ninth, Highland Home tenth and Red Level ranked #22. The Class 1A poll found McKenzie ranked seventh, with Brantley coming in at #12 and Cottonwood at #16.

Following is the complete list of "Top 10" teams in each class, along with other area teams and their rankings:

CLASS 6A

1. Hoover, 2. Prattville, 3. Opelika, 4. Daphne, 5. Mountain Brook, 6. Jeff Davis, 7. Davidson, 8. Central of Phenix City, 9. Minor, 10. Hillcrest of Tuscaloosa. (Also) 20 Enterprise

CLASS 5A

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Elba City Council approves tax increase on tobacco products

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council unanimously approved an increased tobacco tax ordinance Monday evening during the regular council meeting. Council members discussed the proposed changes in the tobacco tax during a scheduled work session held immediately before the council meeting. The tax change will be effective October 1st, 2003.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham issued a plea that motorists be especially watchful in Elba due to the tremendous and varied amount of construction going on all over the city.

No council member had a recommendation for appointment to the Coffee County Board of

Rumors run rapid following t-shirt incident at Zion Chapel Schools

by Linda Hodge, Editor

School aged children love to wear trendy clothing, but sometimes those fashions just get a little too far. This week at Elba High School, students were seen wearing Confederate flags on their shirts.

In addition to the increase in taxes, the new ordinance clarifies certain categories of language which was not clear and in the original ordinance, causing some confusion with tobacco license holders.

The council approved two resolutions needed for a Community Development Block Grant application. The grant for \$52,475.00 is to help fund an industrial expansion 12' water line.

Another resolution passed was in support of a Southeast Alabama Gas District plan to change their bylaws to increase and stabilize the amount of money passed to the user cities each year. Under the new proposed bylaws, amendment amounts returned to the municipalities will be based on a five year average of income over expenses.

Monthly bills totaling

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Apparently, t-shirts designed to symbolize Southern heritage and honoring the Confederate flag have become very popular among teenagers and the fact that the Confederate flag has always been associated with being a rebel adds extra appeal to students at Zion Chapel.

However, school officials quickly reminded everyone that the Rebel flag is not the school's mascot. Instead, it is and has always been an Army Colonel (as shown here in the photo).

Ingram said some of the shirts involved in last week's situation were Zion Chapel Rebel shirts, and students were only sent home after refusing to turn their shirt inside out.

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